

# THE MALTA TOUR COLLECTION

## Full Day Nobility, Wine & Crafts - 0830hrs

Departure from hotel in coach accompanied by guide to Naxxar and visit Palazzo Parisio - Justifiably described as "a miniature Versailles", Palazzo Parisio is a historic palace, now the home of the prominent, long-established and ennobled Scicluna family, in its time it has been the residence of the most popular Grand Master of the Knights of St John (the "Knights of Malta") and of Sicilian and Maltese nobility.

We learn to appreciate wines when we visit one of the local superior wine producers. The guests are taken to a beautiful Terrace where photographs may be taken of the breathtaking view of the vineyard. There, the visitors are given a short explanation about the vines, planting methods, irrigation and other details. The processing of the grapes is then explained and afterwards guests are invited to the Belvedere Hall and Terrace where wine tasting takes place.

Finally the opportunity to admire one of various Maltese handicrafts - Glass Hand Made artifacts, probably one of the most impressive crafts today. One can admire the making of a lovely range of vivid turquoise vases, glasses and decorative items. You can see the furnaces and watch the glass being blown before browsing in the air-conditioned shop. Then we proceed to the crafts village where you can go through as many artisan workshops as you please.

Time permitting:

We visit one of the largest dome in the world, with a diameter of 37 meters, the Mosta Dome designed by George Grongnet who's plans were closely based on the Pantheon in Rome. The building started in May 1833 and was not finished until the 1860.



### Price Includes:

- Service of a fully licensed Guide
- Entrance fee for sites included in the excursion
- Transport in best available 53-seater air-conditioned coach
- All Taxes

### Lunches:

- 3-Course lunches in good restaurants including 1/2 btl of superior wine, 1/2 btl mineral water & coffee can be arranged.